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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, AF
SUBJECT: DISPARATE OPPOSITION GROUPS ARE APPARENTLY PROLIFERATING

1. OVER ABOUT THE PAST WEEK, VARIOUS EMBASSY OFFICERS
HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH AFGHANS WHO CLAIM TO REPRESENT
DISTINCT ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO THE TARABVGNI REGIME.
TWO OF THESE GROUPS OSTENSIBLY ARE ORGANIZED WITHIN
THE AFGHAN MILITARY, WHILE ANOTHER APPEARS TO HAVE
MOSTLY A CIVILIAN MEMBERSHIP. IN ADDITION, THE
EMBASSY RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS LETTER JULY 2 WHICH
SOLICITED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES
OF YET ANOTHER GROUP, WHICH CALLED ITSELF THE "NATIONAL
FRDFT FOR ASNREE AFGHANISTAN (NFFA)". THESE GROUPS SEEM
TO BE UNCONNECTED WITH THE "NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE
LIBERATION OF AFGHANISTAN (NFLA)," WHICH, ACCORD-
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ING TO A JUNE 1 BBC REPORT FROM ISLAMABAD, IS
COMPOSED OF EIGHT AFGHAN OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHETHER
ANY CONNECTION EXISTS BETWEEN THESE GROUPS. NO DO
WE KNOW HOW LARGE OR HOW MUCH REAL SUPPORT ANY OF
THESE ORGANIZATIONS MAY HAVE EITHER IN AFGHANISTAN

OR ABROAD. WHAT SEEMS CLEAR IS THAT OPPOSITION
TO THE REGIME DOES EXIST, AND MAY BE GROWING, BUT
THAT IT LACKS LEADERSHIP, AND IT HAS NOT YET
COALESCED INTO A SINGLE AND MEANING OF ANTI-REGIME

ORGANIZATION. AT THE MOMENT, THE REGIME, DESPITE
ITS NARROW BASE OF SUPPORT, SEEMS IN CONTROL OF
MOST OF THE COUNTRY (CERTAINLY THE CAPITAL), AND A
SUCCESSFUL COUNTER MOVEMENT WOULD REQUIRE LEADER-
SHIP, ORGANIZATION, AND, ABOVE ALL, SIGNIFICANT
FIREPOWER IN ORDER TO DISLODGE THE RARAKI GOVERN-
MENT BY FORCE. IMPLICIT TOO FOR ANY COUNTER COUP
TO BE SUCCESSFUL WOULD BE THE NEEKITO OFFSET ANY
SOVIET ACTIONS.
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